Run the Store

Understand the basics of handling cash, maintaining the store, and establishing policies and procedures



Handling Cash



- The Cash Register
 - Till another name for the cash drawer of a cash register where the money is placed
 - The functions of the cash register is to provide receipts, record sales, and store cash and sales documents
 - One arrangement of a cash drawer used by businesses is to place the one-dollar bills in the far right compartment with the fives, tens, and twenties to the left. The coins are arranged similarly.
 - Electronic cash registers and point-of-sale (POS) terminals are two of the most common retail systems in use today.
 Cash registers provide an efficient way to enter data about a sale.



Tips for Handling Cash

- Close the drawer after each transaction
- Maintain an organized drawer
- Follow proper change-making techniques
- Refuse to be rushed
- Make sure you do not give a customer two bills stuck together
- Count cash as many times as necessary to ensure accuracy
- Do not keep excessive amounts of cash in the drawer



- Making Change one of the oldest methods of making change is called the count-forward method. Steps in this method are
 - Announce the amount of the sale clearly to the customer
 - Take the customer's money and announce the amount tendered
 - Place the cash tendered on the register plate
 - Remove the change due from the cash drawer, counting forward to yourself, using the smallest to largest coins first, then bills
 - Repeat the sale to the customer
 - Count change back correctly to the customer
 - Wait for the customer's acknowledgment, and then place the tendered money into the cash drawer
 - If the cashier thinks there has been an error in counting back the change, he/she should take the change back and start over



- Checks -- six different types can be used
 - Personal checks
 - Business checks
 - Payroll checks
 - Treasury checks
 - Money orders
 - Traveler's checks



- Credit can include
 - Credit cards
 - Signature charge an in-house credit extended to customers you know and trust
 - Debit cards

Cash Drawer Maintenance



- Opening Cash Fund An amount of money in the cash register that the cashier starts with each day.
- Daily Cash Flow an important factor is to watch your cash drawer closely to ensure you have enough coins and currency available to make change for your customers
- Closing Procedures the cashier must account for the day's sales and the money in the cash drawer.
 The process is called reconciling or balancing the till or drawer.

Store Maintenance Tips



 A business's goal should be to maintain a clean, friendly environment that customers will want to return to for their purchases.





- Policies general statements of intent about how to run your business.
- Procedures the processes or steps used for carrying out the policies.

Developing Policies



- 1. Review your operational process
- 2. Check the competition
- 3. Ask customers for feedback
- 4. Develop policy statements